

# Editorial

1998 was a busy year, with the 9th IUPAC International Congress of Pesticide Chemistry in London, the immediately preceding 'Neurotox-98' meeting in Oxford, both involving the journal, and the Special Issue on research at Zeneca, which was published in the December issue; all in addition to the regular input of submitted papers. A number of Extended Summaries arising from posters presented at the IUPAC Congress have already been published and this process will continue well into 1999. Additionally there will be a special issue of the journal in March, comprising full papers derived from a selection of the IUPAC posters and, subsequently, selected publications arising from the 'Neurotox' meeting.

Such publications represent a considerable extra effort on the part of the editorial staff. Nevertheless, we feel that these meetings in 1998 were special occasions that justified the effort and we are heartened by the encouragement received in conversations with delegates at the meetings. There is no doubt that poster authors appreciate the personal contact and interest shown in their work; at the same time, scientific editors gain an increased awareness of what is current in the science.

Celebrating 30 years of the journal's existence, the Centennial meeting of the Editorial Board was held at 14 Belgrave Square on 7 August, immediately after the IUPAC Congress. Congress and journal are of similar age and together serve to record remarkable improvements in crop and animal health protection methodology during this period. It is apparent that the pace of change has accelerated greatly, due especially to the application of molecular biology, which in recent years has progressed from something of a novelty to a standard experimental tool, combined with an ability to produce and evaluate very large numbers of new chemicals for biological activity.

These developments are immensely stimulating for all concerned and we look forward to following them in future contributions to the journal. Prospective authors who wish to contribute reviews in these areas are particularly welcome to contact members of the Editorial Boards.

Meanwhile, the Executive and Advisory Boards and all involved in the publication process wish to thank our authors, referees and readers for their continuing support. Working together we have developed *Pesticide Science* into a vital international archive of progress in this area.

Happy New Year!

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